

Use of EPOCRATES® Accessing Medicare Part D Plans' Formulary Information Online

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To assist those who want to access the online service in support of the Part D transition, what follows are the procedures on how to sign up and access the formularies:

- Go to the Epocrates® website at www2.epocrates.com/index.html.
- Click on the “Enter Now” button. If you are not already a subscriber you will need to click on the words “Register Now” and follow the instructions.
- Follow the instructions to register. Once you register and select a User Name and Password, you can sign in.
- Use the tabs on the gray tool bar at the top of the screen to access the options available.
- Click on the “Formularies” tab to select formularies for your profile. Select “Vermont” in the Select State box. Click on the formularies you want in your profile. For Medicare, select “Medicare Part D – PDP” in the Select Category box.
- Once you click a formulary, then click on “add to box” to create your list of formularies
- When you have completed adding all the formularies to “Your Formularies”, click on the tab on the gray tool bar at the top of the page to select.
- Click the “Drugs” tab, under “Formulary”, click on the down arrow on the right to specify a particular formulary.
- Under Drug List, use “Search” for a specific drug or select the first letter of the drug, then double click on the drug in question. The yellow box below the Drug List will indicate if the drug is on the formulary, other information about that drug's status, and alternatives if they are available.